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FOR ANDREWS FROM WORTZEL

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE VIEW OF THE KARDELJ VISIT FROM HERE IS AS POSITIVE AS FROM THERE. YOU HAVE SEEN SOME OF THE PUBLIC EXPRESSION IN PRESS COVERAGE, AND WE ARE SEEING IT IN NUMEROUS WAYS, SOME SIMPLY REFLECTING EVIDENT INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FORTHCOMING TO US. THIS MAY BE GRATIFYING, BUT IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT WE ARE HEADING INTO A PERIOD WHEN WE WILL ALL HAVE TO CHECK OUR ACTIONS AGAINST EXPECTATIONS AND AVOID OVERSTIMULATING THE LATTER.

2. THE BROWN VISIT, WHICH STILL WILL REQUIRE SOME ASSESSING, MAY WELL HAVE ILLUSTRATED JUST THIS POINT. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF VERY CAREFUL PREPARATION AND COORDINATION WITH AND WITHIN DOD IF WE ARE TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE SUBSTANCE AND THE "PROCEDURES" FOR DEALING WITH YUGOSLAV ARMS REQUESTS IN A WAY WHICH WILL NOT BRING CONFUSION OR MISREAD SIGNALS. WE WILL BE WRITING ABOUT THIS.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM STARCEVIC--IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE CALLS ON KARDELJ BY MESSRS BROWN AND ROCKEFELLER--THAT KARDELJ'S PHYSICIAN HAS ORDERED HIM TO BED BECAUSE OF FATIGUE
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RESULTING FROM HIS TRIP. YOU MAY WANT TO SHARE THIS WITH PAUL COSTOLANSKI, BUT WE HESITATE TO PUT THIS SCRAP OF INFORMATION IN A FORMAL MESSAGE LEST IT RE-START THE LONG-DISTANCE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS WHICH SOME FIND SO IRRESISTIBLE.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WILL BE AN AAASS MEETING NEXT WEEK DEVOTED TO YUGOSLAVIA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF ANY

MATERIAL PREPARED FOR THAT MEETING AND ANY SPEECHES OR IMPRESSIONS
WHICH RESULT.
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